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In re application of: Christoph  
CARLHOFF et al.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1793

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Title: PROCESS FOR KEEPING A TUYERE PASSING THROUGH A  
METALLURGICAL VESSEL FREE OF A SKULL

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 1, 2009, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

This response is filed on April 20, 2009.